THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) According to information available from the Labour & Employment Department of the Government of NCT of Delhi the question of payment of legal dues to the workmen/employees due to shifting of industries out of Delhi as a result of the Supreme Court directive has received priority. They have indicated that teams were constituted and letters were issued to the management of the textile mills, where a large number of workmen are employed, to ensure compliance of the Orders of the Hon'ble Court.

(c) The Government of NCT of Delhi has taken steps to provide information/ guidance regarding location/availability and rates of industrial land available to facilitate rehabilitation of industries affected by the Supreme Court Orders.

Children below 14 years in Beedi Industry

256. SHRIMATI URMILA-BEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred question 4319 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th May, 1997 and state:

(a) the number of cases of employment of children below the age of 14 years detected and booked under the Beedi & Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966 during the last three years; and

(b) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

राज्य सिविल सेवाओं में आरक्षण

257. **श्री शिव चरण सिंह:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि संघ लोक सेवा आयोग द्वारा आयोजित की जाने वाली भारतीय प्रशासनिक सेवा/भारतीय पुलिस सेवा जैसे प्रतियोगी परीक्षाओं के मामले में आरक्षण दिया जाता है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या राज्यों के लोक सेवा आयोगों द्वारा भी इसका अनुकरण किया जाता है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एस०आर० बालासुब्रहमण्यन): (क) और (ख) जी, हां। संघ लोक सेवा आयोग इन परीक्षाओं में विभिन्न आरक्षित श्रेणियों के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा निर्धारित आरक्षण नीति का अनुसरण करता है।

(ग) और (घ) राज्य लोक सेवा आयोग, राज्य सरकारों के अधीन सिविल सेवाओं और पदों के लिए भर्ती करते हैं। अतः उन्हें अपनी-अपनी राज्य सरकारों द्वारा विभिन्न श्रेणियों के लिए यथा-निर्धारित आरक्षण नीति का अनुसरण करना अपेक्षित होता है।

Status of investigation into Security Scam

258. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of CBI investigations into the Security Scam of 1991-92; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the CBI has not taken any action against a former Planning Commission member involved in the scam; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) According to the information made available by the Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Economic Affairs (Banking Division) and the CBI, so far, a total

number of 72 cases in connection with Bank Security Scam of 1992 were registered by the CBI. CBI have completed investigation in 68 cases and only 4 cases are pending further investigation. In all these cases, the law will take its own course.

(b) No, Sir. As per the information furnished by the CBI, a case RC.No.2(A)/92-ACU.V was registered by the CBI in this connection against an ex-Member of the Planning Commission on 25.7.92, u/s 11,12,13 (2) read with 13(1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Section 120(B) IPC. Charge-sheet in this case was filed in the court of Special Judge, CBI on 31.12.1992, and the case is sub-judice.

Preparation of lists of items and formation of committees by Kendriya Bhandar, Super Bazar etc.

259. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Bhandar/Super Bazar/National Consumers' Cooperative Federation were to compile lists of items of stationery and other items indicating prices of the items and to send the lists to all Government departments once in every three months, besides forming a Committee to ensure availability of quality items and to determine fair prices of items as per Government order under which it was made obligatory for Government departments to buy items from them only;

(b) if so, whether such lists have been prepared, Committees formed and circulated to all the Government departments;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, and

(d) steps taken to forward such lists and to form the Committees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) Government had issued instructions in July, 1981 in terms of which all Central Government Departments, their attached and subordinate offices and other organisations financed and/or controlled by the Government located at Delhi/New Delhi were required to make all local purchases of stationery and other items required by them only from the Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative society Limited, New Delhi (poularly known as Kendriya Bhandar). These orders were subsequently extended to other cooperative societies viz. Supar Bazar and National Consumers Cooperative Federation (NCCF) in August, 1987 and April, 1994, respectively.

The orders of 1981 also envisaged that with a view to providing a safeguard for ensuring quality as well as fair price, prices of articles as are generally indented for by Government Departments etc. would be fixed by a Committee consisting of a representative each of the Department of Supply, Ministry of Works and Housing and the Kendriya Bhandar and the prices so fixed would remain in force for a period of three months. As per the aforesaid orders, the General Manager of the Kendriya Bhandar was required to send to the indenting organisations, from time to time, the detailed list of articles available with the Kendriya Bhandar. No specific orders with regard to such a Committee either in respect of Super Bazar or NCCF have been issued.

(b) to (d) The matter is under examination.